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Message Topic: **Compare and contrast: how the nature of God is different from man's**

Scripture Text: James 1: 16-18

1. The nature of God is pure and perfect and holy. Man is sinful and wicked. Because of sin, man faces death. Death is not brought by God but that man himself sinned against God and deserves it.
2. Man is sinful and yet will want to shift the blame of his sin to someone else. Man can blame God or fellow men or circumstances and often refuse to recognize his own unrighteousness. In the sinfulness of men, we see his words as deceitful and destructive and often filled with cursing and unkindness.
3. God will judge the sins of man. Only in the Lord Jesus Christ can we then be saved from the punishment of sin in the Lake of Fire. The deterrence of sin can be due to our fear of judgment, our gratefulness to God for His blessings and our new nature in Christ i.e. being born again.
4. God's gifts and blessings come upon us constantly and are always good. God does not change and His promises will hold true. Sometimes we think certain things happen to us may not seemingly be good but ultimately in God's way, it will turn out to be good for us.
5. The new birth in Jesus Christ is a gift from God and He uses the Word of God to save us. As believers, we are the highest and finest creatures of God. As such, we must glorify God in our lives. With the new birth in Christ, we can overcome all temptations.